


Department of Early Learning

Policy Title:	10.1.11 Fire Inspection Policy		
Procedure:	See Attached		
References:	RCW 43.215.210; WAC 170-295-0020; 170-295-0040; 170-151-070		
Applies To:	Licensing Staff	Contact:	Licensing Oversight Division
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The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is responsible for licensing activities to ensure that standards of health and safety are present in child care facilities in accordance with Washington State law and administrative code (regulations). The term “child care facility” is used to indicate licensed family child care homes, child care centers and school-age programs.

Purpose

Clarify and standardize the agency process for requesting fire inspections from the State Fire Marshals Office (SFMO) when the need is indicated under Washington state law and administrative code (regulations). Expectations of DEL personnel are clarified in this policy and the accompanying Fire Inspection Procedure.

Policy

- I. Prior to granting a child care license to any facility classified as a “center”, that facility must have an approved fire inspection from the State Fire Marshal Office (SFMO), or, if a school based program, have a Fire Safety Certification completed and signed by the County Fire Marshal’s Office or the local fire department within the last six months.

- II. DEL staff must follow the attached procedure to determine when and how to request a fire inspection.

Attachments

- Fire Inspection Procedure
- Request for Fire Inspection Form